



Sequoia Elementary School
Scottsdale Unified District
11808 N. 64th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85254-5010

ARIZONA
School Report Card
2000-2001

Principal: Mrs. Maureen Booth

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Grades: K-5

1999 Enrollment: 642

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✓ School Overview ✓

Mission

Our mission is to meet the unique needs of each of our children through positive learning experiences which are academically challenging, child-centered and wide in scope. Our Site Improvement Plan's goals are: Maintain a safe and secure school community; improve reading/writing skills; solve increasingly complex mathematical problems; integrate and increase the use of technology in all classrooms.

Organization and Philosophy

- w Self-contained Classrooms
- w Some Departmentalization Grade 5
- w Grade-level Team Planning
- w Integrate Curriculum Across Content Area

School/Academic Goals

- w Students will improve their reading and writing skills and performance by using a variety of approaches.

Instructional Programs

- w Learning Resource Centers
- w English Language Acquisition Center
- w Extended-day Kindergarten
- w Afterschool Enrichment
- w Gifted Program
- w Science Lab
- w Computer Lab
- w Preschool

- w Students will solve increasingly complex mathematical problems by using basic skills.

- w We will continue to integrate and increase the use of technology in all classrooms.

- w We will enhance the climate for student learning.

Enrollment

2000-2001 School Year Student Enrollment as of 8/14/00: 645

Accepting New Students in 2000-2001 Under Open Enrollment Law¹: Yes

Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 1999-2000: 60

¹ Under ARS§15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

▽ School Site Council ▽

Council Composition

2 School Administrator(s)
 8 Teacher(s)
 4 Parent(s)
 1 Non-certified Employee(s)
 0 Community Member(s)
 2 Student(s)

Council Duties

w School Improvement Plan
 w Parent/Educator Relations
 w School Safety Issues
 w Curriculum Development
 w Budget

▽ Staffing Information ▽

School administration and instruction for school year 2000-2001 are provided by:

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	2.00	Teacher	40.00
Other Professional Staff	4.00	Teacher Aide	4.00

Educational Attainment by Years of Teaching Experience of Current Teaching Staff

Experience	Degree			
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	4	4	0	0
4 to 6 years	3	3	0	0
7 to 9 years	1	3	0	0
10 or more years	3	19	2	0

▽ Shared Responsibilities ▽

School

To provide a stimulating and challenging academic program; to provide a climate conducive to learning; to honor and protect the rights of all students; to communicate openly and regularly; to encourage parent participation in the life of the school; to ensure the safety of students; to maintain a highly qualified professional staff.

Parents

Parents are urged to show support of their children in several areas by providing a supportive home environment conducive to study and learning; motivating their children to do their best by taking an interest in their work; being role models by valuing education and by participating in the activities of the school and parent organization. Parents are expected to help their children abide by the district's Code of Student Conduct and the school's rules.

▽ Transportation Policy ▽

Transportation is provided for K-5 students one mile from school. Mid-day transportation is provided for eligible Kindergarten students. Service is provided for special education students whose IEPs require it. Safety and welfare of student riders is the first consideration. All vehicles are maintained to provide safe and efficient transportation. Bus evacuation drills are conducted for all students and staff.

▽ Calendar Information ▽

Number of Instruction Days:	176	First Day of School:	8/14/00
Average Daily Instruction Time:	6 hrs. 30 min.	Last Day of School:	5/24/01
Number of Year-round Tracks:	0	Operates on Traditional Schedule	

Report Card Release Dates

10/20/00 1/5/01 3/16/01 5/24/01

Additional Calendar/Report Card Information

▽ Resources Available at School Site ▽

Nutrition and Limited English Proficient Programs

Federal food programs available to eligible² students:

Breakfast - No Lunch - Yes Summer Food - No

Limited English Proficient programs³ available to eligible students:

Bilingual - No ESL - Yes ILEP - Yes

² Schools participating in the federal nutrition programs provide meals to all children. Students may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Eligibility is based on the federal poverty guidelines.

³ Limited English Proficient (LEP) means having a low level of skill in comprehending, speaking, reading and writing the English language because of being from an environment in which another language is spoken. LEP students are eligible to participate in one of the programs that follow. English as a Second Language (ESL): Students are given daily instructions in English language development and cognitive and academic skills development in English, as well as instruction in the history and culture of the United States and the culture associated with their primary home language. Bilingual: Students are given instruction in and through English and their primary home language to increase dual language proficiency and academic achievement. Individual Language Education Program (ILEP): Each school district having nine or fewer LEP pupils in any kindergarten program or grade in any school shall provide these LEP pupils with either a bilingual program or ESL program or shall provide an ILEP for each of these pupils that provides a plan for meeting the cultural and linguistic needs of the pupil. An ILEP consists of a systematic, individualized program of instruction designed to ensure equal educational opportunities for the pupil by promoting English language development and by sustaining normal academic achievement through the use of the pupil's primary home language for subject matter instruction.

Special Facilities

W Hands-on Science Lab

W Computer Labs

W Fine Arts Classrooms

W Media Center

Extracurricular Activities

W Student Council

W Afterschool Athletics

W Afterschool Arts & Crafts

W Afterschool Chess

W Fine Arts Enrichment

W Academic Competitions

W Community Service Groups

W Afterschool Foreign Language

School/Community Resources

W Afterschool Program

W Lunch Program

W Counseling Services

W Health Services

W Extended-day Kindergarten

W Afterschool Athletics

W Afterschool Chess

W Afterschool Arts & Crafts

▽ Indicators of Success ▽

Information provided on this page is based on historical data, primarily from the previous school year, 1999-2000.

1999-2000 School Achievements/Accomplishments

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| <p>W Reading and writing skills increased based on goals set. 27,692 library books were checked out to students, who shared their writing products with class peers, younger buddy classes and during Young Authors' Day.</p> | <p>W Assessment results indicate that over 80% of grades two through five have mastery of basic skills at their grade level. Over 70% demonstrate the ability to solve mathematical real-world problems.</p> |
| <p>W Students have increased their use of technology in the classroom and demonstrated proficiency of appropriate grade-level competencies.</p> | <p>W The frequency of classroom letters and communiques sent to parents has increased to weekly or monthly which has enhanced the school's positive learning climate.</p> |

Student Information: 1999-2000 Student Activity Rates

	School	Arizona		
		K-6	7-8	9-12
Attendance Rate	96.3%	94.7%	93.4%	94.1 %
Transfers Out ⁴	5.6%	13.2%	12.2%	12.7%
Transfers In ⁵ : Within District	0.8%	2.2 %	1.8 %	2.1 %
Transfers In ⁵ : Out-of-District	0.2%	5.9 %	5.5 %	5.8 %
Promotion Rate ⁶	99.5%	97.7%	95.4%	82.3%
Retention Rate ⁷	0.5%	1.4 %	2.4 %	5.1 %
Dropout Rate ⁸	NA			12.2%
Status Unknown ⁹	NA			7.0 %

Students reported as "dropouts" who may have returned to school for the following academic year are not accounted for in this report.

⁴ Transfers Out: Percentage of accountable students withdrawing to continue studies in another school or to be taught at home for the 1999-2000 school year.

⁵ Transfers In: Within District: Percentage of accountable students entering school who were previously enrolled in another Arizona public school within the school district during the 1999-2000 school year. Out-of-District: Percentage of accountable students entering school who were previously enrolled in another school district during the 1999-2000 school year.

⁶ Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 1999-2000 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

⁷ Retention Rate: Percentage of students retained at the end of the 1999-2000 school year.

⁸ Dropout Rate: Percentage of students counted as withdrawn due to chronic illness, expulsion or dropping out during the 1998-1999 school year, to include activity during the summer of 1998. This rate includes students who were withdrawn after 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences or were coded by the school as "status unknown." The Promotion Rate, Retention Rate, Dropout Rate and Status Unknown Rate may not add to 100% due to the inclusion of summer activity in the Dropout Rate and the Status Unknown Rate but not in the Promotion Rate and Retention Rate. Data for 1999-2000 is not yet available.

⁹ Status Unknown: Percentage of students unaccounted for by any method during the 1998-1999 school year. Status unknown students are not necessarily dropouts.

▽ School Honors ▽

Awards or special recognition honors received by the school, staff or students:

Award/Honor	Year
National Blue Ribbon/Arizona A+ School	1992
Math Olympiad Outstanding School	1995
Contests--Geography/Poetry/Spelling	1998
Arizona A+ School	2000

▼ Academic Achievement Indicators ▼

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) is a test designed to measure each student's progress in learning the Arizona Academic Standards. Effective with the Class of 2002 (tenth graders in 1999-2000), students must meet or exceed the Standard on the reading and writing portions of AIMS in order to be eligible for a high school diploma. Students in the class of 2004 must also pass the math portion as a graduation requirement. High school students who did not attain "Meets the Standard" or "Exceeds the Standard" in reading, writing or math will have additional opportunities to retake the test in their junior and senior years. Students in grades 3, 5 and 8 will also take AIMS.

AIMS Results, 1999-2000

Grade 3		Number Tested	MS	FFB ¹	A ¹	M ¹	E ¹
Reading	School	103	554	1%	4%	36%	59%
	District	1875	538	3%	8%	47%	42%
	State	60290	518	12%	18%	45%	25%
Writing	School	108	560	1%	4%	81%	15%
	District	1847	553	3%	8%	72%	17%
	State	59162	524	14%	19%	59%	8%
Mathematics	School	103	563	0%	5%	35%	60%
	District	1884	525	4%	22%	42%	32%
	State	60159	497	17%	35%	33%	15%

Legend

MS - The Mean Score (average) on a 200-800 scale. A student must have achieved a score of 500 to meet the standard. Scale scores are not comparable between content areas.
FFB - Percent of students who Fell Far Below the standard
A - Approached the standard
M - Percent of students who Met the standard
E - Percent of students who Exceeded the standard

Grade 5		Number Tested	MS	FFB ¹	A ¹	M ¹	E ¹
Reading	School	116	534	3%	7%	48%	41%
	District	2033	525	5%	11%	50%	34%
	State	60658	509	16%	20%	46%	19%
Writing	School	112	550	3%	19%	73%	5%
	District	2003	533	8%	22%	66%	4%
	State	59560	498	21%	33%	45%	1%
Mathematics	School	117	532	3%	28%	26%	43%
	District	2055	513	8%	32%	30%	30%
	State	60981	488	24%	38%	23%	16%

¹Results reflect student performance on the English form of AIMS.

²Class of 2002 is the cohort of students who began 9th grade during the 1998-1999 school year.

Items of data containing information about fewer than five students have been replaced with () to protect student privacy.

--Some columns contain dashes (--) to indicate "not applicable" or "no data available."

▼ Mathematics Education and AIMS ▼

On April 24, 2000, the state Board of Education amended the high school graduation requirements to include the following: "Effective with the graduating class of 2004, the two required math credits shall be taken consecutively beginning with the ninth grade and course content shall reflect Academic Standards preparation for proficiency at the high school level." Parents should verify with the school that their ninth grade students are enrolled in one or more mathematics courses that provide instruction in the state Board-adopted mathematics standards that lead to proficiency in high school. Students who begin the ninth grade during the 2000-01 school year should be enrolled in a mathematics sequence that is aligned to the state's mathematics standards and includes instruction in the concepts and performance objectives that will be assessed by AIMS. The Board's amendment to the high school graduation requirements should not be interpreted to mean that all ninth grade students must be enrolled in any *particular* course. **The Board's intent is to assure that all ninth grade students are enrolled in courses that prepare students for success on AIMS.**

▼ Academic Achievement Indicators ▼

In 1997 and 1998, students in grades 3 through 12 were tested in reading, language and mathematics using the standardized, nationally norm-referenced *Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition* (Stanford 9). In 1999 and 2000, students were tested in grades 2 through 11. The percentage of eligible students tested (%) and the school's percentile rank score are presented below. State percentile rank scores (AZ) are provided for comparison. Also, note that the percentile rank scores for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than five students have been replaced with (**) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (--) to indicate "not applicable" or "no data available."

Stanford 9 Percentile Rank Scores

		1996-1997			1997-1998			1998-1999			1999-2000		
Grade	Content Area	%	Score	AZ	%	Score	AZ	%	Score	AZ	%	Score	AZ
2	Reading	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	81	50	100	83	52
	Language	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	76	40	100	78	43
	Mathematics	--	--	--	--	--	--	100	85	51	100	85	55
3	Reading	97	73	44	100	76	47	100	80	47	100	80	48
	Language	98	75	45	100	82	49	100	82	51	100	86	54
	Mathematics	99	74	41	100	82	46	100	85	49	100	86	52
4	Reading	97	84	52	100	79	53	100	83	54	89	84	54
	Language	98	73	45	100	72	47	100	76	49	90	74	48
	Mathematics	98	79	48	100	77	51	100	82	54	95	85	55
5	Reading	100	76	50	100	77	51	100	72	51	96	75	51
	Language	100	70	40	100	66	42	100	67	44	95	72	45
	Mathematics	100	81	47	100	79	51	100	74	54	97	80	55

▼ Measure of Academic Progress ▼

Arizona's Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) is an indicator of student academic growth from one year to the next. The results are based on the *Stanford Achievement Test, Ninth Edition* (Stanford 9), given in 1999 and 2000. MAP includes only those students who were tested both years in consecutive grade levels at the same school or who started the school year in the same school in which they were tested in 2000. Average student growth over the course of the past academic year is compared to a national average in the table below. One hundred percent (100%) indicates that students in a particular grade level at the school have achieved an average amount of growth compared to a national sample. A percentage greater than 100 percent indicates student growth was greater than the national average.

The MAP is an elementary school (Grades 2-8) indicator only.

	Reading	Math
	Percentage of Expected Gain	Percentage of Expected Gain
Grades 2-3	110	153
Grades 3-4	133	123
Grades 4-5	30	102

*Less than 8 students matched

**Less than 25% of students matched

***No information available

****Not applicable

▼ School Safety ▼

The purpose of this section is to provide parents information about what the school is doing to promote a safe and orderly environment for learning. The *2000 Comprehensive Health and Prevention Program Survey Annual Report* provides additional information on Health and Prevention Programs, School Safety and Security Measures, Policy Violations and Expulsions at www.ade.az.gov/ResearchPolicy/chapps/.

School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Orderly Environment for Learning

Safety and security issues are taken seriously at Sequoya. Specific safety procedures are in place and practiced so students know what to do in case of fire or a serious situation requiring implementation of lock-down procedures. Safety rules for the cafetorium, playground, buses and campus are clear and implemented. All visitors must sign-in. Our campus is equipped with surveillance cameras and phones in the classroom.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S. § 15-746.6).

0

▼ Per Pupil and School Expenditures for the 1999-2000 School Year ▼

Expenditure Category	*Per Pupil Expenditures by Category	School Expenditures by Category
Classroom Instruction	\$2,764	\$1,671,135
Classroom Supplies	\$35	\$21,299
Administration	\$290	\$175,116
Support Services-Students	\$578	\$349,461
Other Support Services and Operations	\$1,139	\$688,786
Total Expenditures- All Categories 1999-2000	\$4,806	\$2,905,797

Total Expenditures may not be exact because of rounding.

Information is self-reported by the district and is unaudited.

* Based upon 1999-2000 Average Daily Membership (ADM).

(School Expenditures divided by ADM)

**Due to technical difficulties, data for multiple charter school sites is not available.

These are maintenance and operation expenditures and do not include capital expenditures such as facilities construction and buses. Classroom Instruction includes activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. It also includes activities of aides or classroom assistants that are involved in the instructional process. Classroom Supplies includes costs for items that are consumed, worn out or have deteriorated through use; or items that lose their identity through fabrication or incorporation into different or more complex units or substance. Administration includes governing board services, executive administration services, lobbying, office of the principal services and other support services for school administration. Support Services-Students includes attendance and social work, guidance, health, psychological, speech pathology, audiology services and other support services for students. Other Support Services and Operations includes support services for instructional staff, business support services, operation and maintenance of plant services, student transportation services, central support services, other support services, food service operation and bookstore operations.

▼ Classroom Enhancement Funds 1999-2000 ▼

For fiscal year 1999-2000, school districts and charter schools shall report on the School Report Card issued pursuant to section 15-746, Arizona Revised Statutes, a summary of any monies received pursuant to Section 23 of H.B. 2007 for fiscal year 1999-2000 and a description of how the monies were used to enhance classrooms to augment pupil learning.

Total Amount Awarded to School District/Charter Holder \$641,041.21 [\$18.48 per Student x Enrollment (ADM)].

Enhancement Programs	Amount Spent
Classroom Teacher Salaries	
Employing New Teachers	
Teacher Training and Development	
Classroom Technology	
Strengthening K-3 Programs	
Additional School Days	
Support Programs to Meet State Standards	
Reading Clinics	
Achieving/Maintaining School Sizes for Fewer Than 450 Pupils	

Total Amount of Classroom Enhancement Funds Expended at the School Level NDS

▼ Contacts ▼

	Name	Phone	Extension
School Site Council	Maureen Booth	(480) 443-7860	6600
Transportation Policy	Maureen Booth	(480) 443-7860	6600
Community Resources	Maureen Booth	(480) 443-7860	6600
School Nutrition Programs	Betty Bower	(480) 443-7860	6611
Parent Organization	Pam Weyers	(480) 443-7860	0
Student Health/Nurse	Nancy Paolilli	(480) 443-7860	2

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at <http://www.ade.state.az.us/srcs/> on the Internet.

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